

**MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
COUNTY OF YORK, VIRGINIA
REGULAR MEETING
March 15, 2007**

Meeting Convened. A regular meeting of the York County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) was called to order at approximately 7:00 p.m., Thursday, March 15, 2007.

Attendance. The following members of the PRAB were present: Ms. Donna Simkins, Mr. Bart Barton, Mr. Bill Euker, and Ms. Sharon Kline. Staff present was Mr. Brian Fuller. Mr. James Elder and Mr. Jack Christie were absent.

Consideration of Minutes. The minutes of the January 25, 2007 meeting were approved.

Status Report on the Dog Park Issue. Ms. Simkins stated that the letter to the Board of Supervisors requesting that staff be directed to look into and provide options for locations for dog parks in the County had been sent and to date, she had not received a response. Mr. Fuller stated that he was aware that the Board had received the letter and that Mr. Burgett had contacted Cheryl Sonderman and asked her some questions about the issues. At this time there has been no other information or direction given to either the staff or PRAB on this issue.

Review of Operating and Capital Budget Submissions. Mr. Fuller outlined the changes to the Operating Budget that the County Administrator had submitted to the Board of Supervisors for consideration. He stated that it is an extremely tight budget year and that no new initiatives had been submitted for Parks and Recreation for the FY08 budget. The security cameras for Charles Brown Park and the upgrade to the registration software that had been requested had been pulled; however, Financial and Management Services directed Parks and Recreation staff to move forward with these purchases this budget year. The recreation staff is currently working to secure final prices so that purchase requisitions may be issued. The new programs and personnel related to that sports complex has been pushed back to FY09 since the park will not open during the latter part of FY 08. There were no other changes to the CIP budget that was discussed during the PRAB's January meeting.

Athletic Field Complex Update. Mr. Fuller briefed the PRAB on the status of the Athletic Field Complex. He stated that the pre-bid meeting was held on February 22 and over 40 companies were present. The original bid date of March 15th has been pushed back to March 20th to allow the contractors some additional time because of the amendments that were recently released. The delay should not affect the estimated groundbreaking ceremony in June and or the facility opening in the spring of 2009.

Other Matters Presented by the Board. Ms. Simkins asked what the pleasure of the PRAB was for the May meeting which has traditionally been a park and facility tour. After discussion, it was decided to have a regular PRAB meeting in May since a new PRAB member has not been appointed. The PRAB would also like to invite Amy Parker of the Planning staff to the May meeting for an update on Bikeways. Ms. Parker was scheduled to attend the March meeting, but was unable to attend.

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:40 p.m.